

H.R. 563. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER (for herself and Mr. SCHRADER):

H.R. 564. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HONDA (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. LEE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SABLON, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 565. A bill to stimulate collaboration with respect to, and provide for coordination and coherence of, the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 566. A bill to award grants to improve equality of access to technology-enabled education innovations and understanding of how partnerships of educational agencies and research institutions design and implement such innovations in ways that improve student outcomes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 567. A bill to provide that a former Member of Congress receiving compensation as a highly-paid lobbyist shall be ineligible to receive certain Federal retirement benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 568. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to prepare a report on the impact of thermal insulation on both energy and water use for potable hot water; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LANCE, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 569. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 570. A bill to discontinue Radio Martí and Television Martí broadcasts to Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 571. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the treatment of whistleblower complaints by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 572. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of

Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 573. A bill to make competitive awards to national estuary programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. BARR, and Mr. WILLIAMS):

H.R. 574. A bill to prohibit contributions by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the Housing Trust Fund and the Capital Market Fund while such enterprises are in conservatorship or receivership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. BENISHEK):

H.R. 575. A bill to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 576. A bill to amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. KILMER, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. BARR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. LONG, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H.R. 577. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FATTAH (for himself and Mr. VARGAS):

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution recognizing the challenges and burdens associated with the rising costs of a college education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CROWLEY (for himself, Mr. HOLDING, and Mr. BERA):

H. Res. 52. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the democratic Constitution of the Republic of India and United States-India relations on India's Republic Day; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H. Res. 53. A resolution condemning the cowardly attack on innocent men, women, and children in the northeastern Nigerian town of Baga; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. JOYCE, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California):

H. Res. 54. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to restore service standards in effect as of July 1, 2012; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DENT:

H. Res. 55. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Ethics in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. TURNER, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. COOK, and Ms. BORDALLO):

H. Res. 56. A resolution affirming the support of the United States for Macedonia's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MEADOWS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. MENG):

H. Res. 57. A resolution urging the Secretary of State that in 2015, a year of significant anniversaries for the Jewish people, United States embassies in appropriate countries should commemorate this anniversary year with significant public events including the message that the opportunities for remembrance and reflection contained in these anniversaries are applicable to all peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H. Res. 58. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Armed Services in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

## MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

1. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the State of Illinois, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, requesting the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 539.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Taxing Clause, USC Art. I, Sec. 8, Cl. 1 ("The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States[.]"). The Action for Dental Health Act would use federal tax dollars to provide grants for eligible oral health professionals to purchase mobile dental units to provide free dental services to underserved

communities. Furthermore, increasing access to no- or low-cost dental and oral health services improves the nation's public health, or "general welfare[.]" Therefore, the Action for Dental Health Act is a valid exercise of the Taxing Clause.

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 540.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 9 of the Constitution of the United States; the power to constitute Tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court.

The purpose of the bill is to amend the civil asset forfeiture procedures and Section 8, Clause 9 extends to Congress the power to create inferior courts and to make rules of procedure and evidence for such courts.

By Mr. CARSON of Indiana:

H.R. 541.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution, Clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution, and clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. HARPER:

H.R. 542.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause I

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

H.R. 543.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H.R. 544.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I and the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

By Mr. DENT:

H.R. 545.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BARTON:

H.R. 546.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, §8, clause 3.

By Mr. CHAFFETZ:

H.R. 547.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 US Constitution

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 548.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 549.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 550.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

H.R. 551.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 552.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 553.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which states "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States" and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which empowers Congress to "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof"

By Mr. MESSER:

H.R. 554.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which states "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States" and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which empowers Congress to "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof"

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 555.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution: To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 556.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 557.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 558.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8. "Congress shall have the Power . . . (7) To establish Post Offices and post Roads . . ."

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 559.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GIBSON:

H.R. 560.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18.

By Mr. GRAYSON:

H.R. 561.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. GRAYSON:

H.R. 562.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. HAHN:

H.R. 563.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER:

H.R. 564.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 565.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. HONDA:

H.R. 566.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mr. ISRAEL:

H.R. 567.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 6 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois:

H.R. 568.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 of the Constitution states that; a regular statement and account of receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

By Mr. LOBIONDO:

H.R. 569.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 570.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which gives Congress the power "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers."

By Mr. MILLER of Florida:

H.R. 571.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. MULLIN:

H.R. 572.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution: The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 573.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: